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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF COUP PLOT IN ETHIOPIA

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[redacted] HAS INFORMED THE US EMBASSY THAT A SOVIET KGB OFFICER RECENTLY ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON A "PRO-AMERICAN" COUP ALLEGEDLY SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW.

WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF A PLANNED COUP, BUT WE CONCUR WITH

25X1A STATE [redacted] THAT THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE RECEIVED RUMBLINGS OF DISCONTENT FROM RIGHT-WING ELEMENTS IN THE NOBILITY. THIS GROUP'S POSITION IS THREATENED BY THE REFORMS BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE INSTIGATION OF MODERATES WITHIN THE MILITARY. A RIGHT-WING COUP ATTEMPT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT IT WOULD BE LIKELY TO PROVOKE SERIOUS CIVIL STRIFE. E2 IMPDET.

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